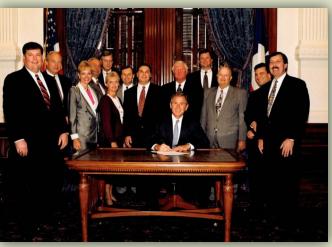
GOVERNANCE MILESTONES



1999 Houston and Woodlands MUDs sign a Moratorium Agreement, which prevents the City of Houston from The Woodlands and prevents The Woodlands from 2000 Community Associations of The Woodlands begin to

draft a plan to educate community leaders and residents about existing governance as well as options for future community governance.

- **'02-'06** Joint Ad-Hoc Governance Process Committee and later The Woodlands Governance Steering Committee study and evaluate governance options with resident feedback.
- **2006 December 7**: City of Houston and The Woodlands announce historic agreement allowing The Woodlands to determine their future as they contribute toward important regional projects.
- 2007 Legislation provides the authority to enter into the Regional Participation Agreements (SB 1012) with the City of Houston and the City of Conroe and to establish, with voter approval, a new governance body for The Woodlands (HB 4109).

Community Associations initiate The Woodlands Decides Committee to provide educational information to residents on the upcoming election.

November 2007 Election: Three propositions pass, authorizing the expansion of the former Town Center Improvement District (TCID) to cover The Woodlands (86 percent in favor), the reorganization of TCID's Board of Directors to a seven-member resident-elected board (86 percent in favor), and to allow the entity to assess an ad valorem property tax (78 percent in favor). TCID changes its name to The Woodlands Township.

2008 Community Associations and The Woodlands Township unanimously approve the Transition Agreement that outlines the transition of service delivery from the Associations to the Township.

May 10, 2008 Election: Voters elected the first five at-large representatives to The Woodlands Township. Six members of the existing Township board will continue in office until May 2010.

- '08-'09 Associations and Township continue to carry out customary roles and responsibilities.
- **2009** Township considers budget and capital plan and creates Vision 2034 for consolidated Township operations.

Township Board adopts budget and sets property tax levy at 32.8 cents per \$100 assessed value. This replaces the Community Associations assessments.

- **2010 January 1:** Township assumes full responsibility for Association services. **May 2010 Election:** Township board will transition to fully resident-elected board with seven members.
- **2014 May:** The Woodlands voters may decide if they want to change the governance structure, including consideration of incorporation.

